

# City of Gulfport News Release

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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Case #: 11-002689

On January 24, 2011, at approximately 9:11 p.m. the Gulfport Police Department arrested 49 year old James John Rodgers of Gulfport and charged him with murder.

On January 24, 2011, at approximately 9:04 p.m. officers from the Gulfport Police Department responded to Southern Oaks Trailer Park, located at 10530 Three Rivers Road for a report of a shooting victim. Upon arrival the victim was found to be suffering from a single gunshot wound and was transport to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

It was learned from witnesses that the victim and suspect had been involved in a verbal altercation which escalated to Rodgers shooting the victim. A witness on scene was trying to deescalate the situation at the time of the shooting.

Upon the completion of booking and processing Rodgers was transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility in lieu of a two million dollar bond set by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray.

The identity of the victim is being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin.

